

I urge you to reject the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160. I argue my case in the following paragraphs. I've been listening to XM Satellite radio for about 6 months, and I now favor satellite radio as a medium for getting my news, traffic, weather and audio entertainment. It provides more variety and better quality than FM/AM and broadcast television. I use it at home and in my car.

I believe NAB's petition 04-160 will stifle innovation in the satellite radio industry. It will soon be possible for satellite radio to deliver traffic information to portable navigation systems installed in automobiles. These systems can then highlight traffic jams, or emergency situations down the road which should be avoided. This has positive applications for many functions, including homeland security and local fire and rescue operations. But, NAB's petition 04-160 will make these kinds of innovations impossible. If NAB is threatened by satellite radio, maybe they should improve their products in a way that makes them more competitive in the open marketplace, not try to protect their market share thru federal legislation.

In order to encourage satellite radio to reach its full potential, I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

Thank you reading my concerns.

-Ian Downard